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Bin collection proposals are just rubbish, says MP

By Christian Wilson

ONE of Basingstoke and Deane's three MPs has slammed a proposal to change collecting rubbish bins from homes across the borough once a fortnight.



• NE Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena

The idea to empty grey and green bins on alternate weeks is currently being considered by the borough council in a bid to encourage more people to recycle.

Both bins are currently collected together each week, with a recent residents' survey showing 95 per cent of people to be happy with the service, although the council insists a switch to alternate weekly collections (AWC) could save £1million a year.

But North East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena, who served as deputy leader on the authority until 2015, feels that the change would "punish families".

"These proposals are junk," he said. "Weekly black bin collections are best for local people and when I was deputy leader of the council, we repeatedly ruled out moving to fortnightly collections, so to say that the council has to look at all the options is just rubbish."



"It will punish families; if the council wants to increase recycling, then why not look at those areas of the borough that don't recycle and sort that out, rather than cutting the service for those that do?"

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's community, environment and partnerships committee discussed the proposal last month as part of negotiations for the authority's new joint waste contract.

The existing eight-year deal is due to come to an end next October, with cabinet member for environment and regulatory services, Cllr Hayley Eachus, feeling that the option could result in

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Priya is named top doc

• Dr Priya Ilangovan with guest speaker Alex Lewis

A MUCH-LOVED Basingstoke doctor has been honoured with two of the main awards at an annual ceremony.

Dr Priya Ilangovan was named as one of the big winners from Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust's (HHFT) WOW! Awards Gala last week.

The consultant paediatrician at Basingstoke hospital was among

around 300 staff members from across the trust's hospitals to be handed a WOW! Award throughout the year.

But the story of Dr Ilangovan's leadership and composure when helping an 11-month-old boy suffering a fit last year has now led to her being acknowledged on an even grander scale.

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Time capsule buried at new police centre

By Christian Wilson

HAMPSHIRE'S police and crime commissioner (PCC) was joined by children from a Basingstoke school on a visit to the town's upcoming new police centre this week.

The £10million state-of-the-art Police Investigation Centre (PIC) is one of three currently being developed countywide and is due to be completed later this year.

A total of 36 custody cells are being built at the Jays Close-based PIC, in the Viables Business Park, with the new build

set to operate 24 hours a day throughout the week and accommodate 400 members of staff.

Former PCC Simon Hayes insisted when building work began on the site in October 2015 that the development represented an "historic day for policing" and that the PIC would serve generations to come.

His successor, Michael Lane, reiterated this point by joining children from Chalk Ridge School and the police cadets in contributing an item to a time capsule at the site, which won't now be opened again until 2067.

The PCC said: "This building

will support the community and it will help to keep us safer.

"It will provide shelter and care for everyone using it, including appropriate care for those who have caused others harm.

"This PIC will contribute to modern operationally effective policing, that will be forward looking and supports the community in keeping us safer."

Youngsters from Chalk Ridge School, in Brighton Hill, were chosen to take part in the time capsule burial after they provided artwork for the site that saw them win a competition held

by developers Mace.

They were also handed a tour of the custody area at the new police centre, which is now in the final fit out stage and will also include a central investigation function, support rooms and investigative areas.

Mace director Nick Abbey said: "Looking forward, who knows how policing will have changed in the next 50 years before this time capsule is opened again.

"I'm really proud of what the team here has achieved and I would like to thank Chalk Ridge School for helping us to do this."



* Youngsters get a tour of the custody suite at the new centre



* Burying the time capsule at the site - it will be opened in 2067

Three sheep killed during dog attack at farm

THREE sheep were killed as the result of an attack by dogs at a Kingsclere farm.

CCTV captured two large and unaccompanied dogs entering the farm on Saturday and trying to get into a chicken pen.

No chickens were harmed, as the dogs were unable to gain access to the pen, although three sheep were later found dead elsewhere on the farm.

Two of the sheep received extensive injuries consistent with those of a dog attack, while police believe the third sheep died from the shock caused by the attack.

The incident took place sometime after 2.30pm, with both the dogs understood to have been hounds, with one beige or tan in colour and the other one white.

PC Vincent Lane, of Hampshire Constabulary's country

watch team, said: "The injuries sustained are among the worst I have seen and I am concerned that the dogs' owners do not appear to have been present throughout the incident."

"Ultimately there are no winners in such instances."

"The livestock typically sustain serious injuries or, as in this case, die in attacks by dogs."

"The farmer has unnecessary

veterinary expenses or, in cases such as this, can lose valuable livestock."

He added: "Such incidents are entirely preventable with no more than the use of a lead."

"I would ask that dog owners are responsible and follow best practice whilst walking in the countryside or in and around farms to prevent any further unnecessary suffering and loss."

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Lottery boost

WINKLEBURY: Nearly £10,000 of funding has been allocated to a Basingstoke secondary school in the latest round of Big Lottery Fund grants.

Fort Hill Community School, in Kenilworth Road, has been awarded £9,960 in total to fund 'The Fort Hill Resilience Project', which will allow the school to purchase a confidential online support service for pupils, known as a Zumos programme.

This will provide students with access to a range of information and guidance, with the aim of improving their mental health, building resilience and increasing self-confidence.

The latest news comes at a time when the county council is considering the prospect of merging the Winklebury-based school with Cranbourne Business and Enterprise College, due to falling student numbers.

Gardening love

BASINGSTOKE: The residents at a Basingstoke retirement home shared cakes and sweets with students at a specialist secondary school on Valentine's Day to thank them for their help.

Six students from Dove House School Academy, which teaches children with learning disabilities, have been tending the gardens at Hampton Court for the last six weeks, with all of them awarded a certificate at the Valentine's celebration as a result.

Hampton Court resident Jim Hooley, 74, said: "It was brilliant to see young people helping the older residents who can't manage their gardens anymore."

The certificates were handed out by the borough council's deputy mayor, Cllr Paul Frankum, who added: "I'm always glad to see young people volunteering in the local community and making a real difference."

CCTV images released of suspected antiques thief

By Christian Wilson

CLEAR CCTV images have been released of a man suspected of stealing from an antiques store in Hartley Wintney.

More than £2,000 worth of items were stolen from a secure glass cabinet on the upper floor of Hartley Antiques during the daytime theft.

A solid silver ink stand, a horned goblet with a silver top, some silver topped perfume bottles, gold cufflinks, gold jewellery and some loose gold chains were all taken from the High Street-based store.

The theft took place at around 2.30pm on Sunday, January 29, with the male suspect described as white, around 6ft 6ins tall, of medium build, with shaved and receding grey hair, grey stubble and a hooked nose.

He was also wearing a large and long brown jacket, blue jeans, distinctive bright yellow and blue ASICS trainers, while he was holding a large black holdall.

A police investigation has since been launched to track him anonymously on 0800 555111.

down the man, with officers expressing their hope that the release of the CCTV images, coupled with the theft taking place during trading hours, will help them bring him to justice.

PC Michael Pugh said: "This was a high value theft from a large antiques store in Hartley Wintney.

"At the time of the incident a number of people came into the store who would likely have seen the offender.

"In addition, we have released some very clear CCTV of a man we would like to speak to, as he may have valuable information for us.

"Finally, some of the items that were taken are quite distinctive, particularly a very rare and large silver inkwell."

"I ask that any antique dealers, or other members of the public, who are approached by someone selling items of this description call police."

Anyone with information is asked to contact PC Pugh on 101, quoting crime reference number 44170037694 or Crimestoppers



Ballot day for grant funding

A PUBLIC vote on which community projects across Basingstoke and Deane deserve council funding is due to take place next month.

Groups have been applying for grants ranging from £200 to £1,000 as part of the borough council's 'Have Your Say' initiative since December.

And residents will get the chance to give their backing to their chosen project at a voting day for the money on Thursday, March 9, from 3pm to 7pm at Carnival Hall, in Council Road.

People will also be able to find out more about the work carried out by the groups at the event, with each voter able to back two separate projects, with the results then set to be tallied at the end of the evening.

The council's scheme is designed to support voluntary and community organisations to improve their local environment and strengthen their community.

Cabinet member for communities, Simon Bound, said: "Small grants can have a big impact and we want to support local groups who are passionate about improving their communities."

"By asking residents to have their say, we are giving communities the opportunity to make sure that the grants go to the projects which they most want and need in their area."

'Nothing wrong with current service'

From front page

the service being more "efficient".

She said: "It would be wrong not to look at the service as a whole and consider all the options, especially given the size of this contract and the substantial savings the council will need to find in the future.

"At this point we don't need to make any decision, we just want to have all the facts and see if there is evidence to support any change.

"This is an opportunity to look at how we can continue to provide the

high levels of service that residents have told us they value but in a more efficient way, and that will encourage people to recycle more and waste less."

But Mr Jayawardena disagreed with this and said that there is nothing wrong with the current bin collection service on offer.

He added: "Until now, I'd have said it's a shame that other local authorities have not followed Basingstoke and Deane's example in protecting this service. I've always urged those

with fortnightly collections to move back to weekly ones."

The proposal has also been criticised by Conservative candidate for the vacant Winklebury seat on the borough council, Chris Hendon, who refuted any suggestions that he would back AWC.

"I want to make it quite clear that a consultation into cost and impact is due diligence on the part of the council but is not a move that I would support in any way for Winklebury, or indeed for the borough."

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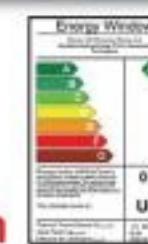
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Royal tribute to tragic Tara

By Christian Wilson

BOTH the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall have led the tributes to Basingstoke-born socialite Tara Palmer-Tomkinson.

The original It Girl was found dead at her flat in West London on Wednesday last week, with Met Police confirming that her death was being treated as "unexplained but not suspicious".

Her death followed a long period of ill health, after she announced that she had been receiving treatment for a non-malignant brain tumour since January 2016.

The 45-year-old grew up in the 1,200-acre Dummer Grange estate, near Basingstoke, and became extremely close with the royal family, after her father Charles taught the Prince of Wales how to ski.

This friendship resulted in

Prince Charles being named as Ms Palmer-Tomkinson's godfather, with the two families regularly seen holidaying together.

In a statement released via Clarence House, Charles and wife Camilla said: "We are deeply saddened and our thoughts are so much with the family."

The prince's former butler, Grant Harrold, added on Twitter: "I am deeply shocked & saddened to hear Tara Palmer-Tomkinson has died."

"I was lucky enough to have met her and know her family."

"A lovely lady."

She became a household name during the 1990s through her hard partying lifestyle and exhibitionism and later starred in reality TV series I'm A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here! in 2002.

But after revealing she had

been diagnosed with a brain tumour last November, she then used her celebrity profile to help raise the profile of the illness.

Chief executive of The Brain Tumour Charity, Sarah Lindsell, said: "Our hearts go out to all of Tara Palmer-Tomkinson's family and friends."

"Three months ago, Tara was brave enough to speak out about her brain tumour diagnosis and the impact it had on her life."

"Her honesty helped to raise awareness of the disease and it was welcomed by the many thousands of people in the UK and around the world who cope with the impact of a brain tumour."

"Tara helped to show why we must do all we can to defeat this devastating disease, which is the biggest cancer killer of children and young people in the UK."

• Tara Palmer-Tomkinson died on Wednesday last week



Relationship education is needed in schools, says MP

MARIA Miller has called for relationship education to be made a compulsory subject for children at schools nationwide.

The Basingstoke MP has tabled an amendment to the existing children and social work bill to introduce this change in a bid to help deal with increased sexual pressures on youngsters.

Research shows that just one in four children at secondary school currently receives any teaching on sex and relationship issues, with Ofsted identifying that the quality of teaching when it does occur is often poor.

Figures also show that most children have seen pornography online by the time they leave primary school, while two thirds are asked for a sexual picture of themselves by the time they leave secondary school.

And with the Government's guidance on sex and relationship education not being reformed in 17 years, Mrs Miller has tabled the amendment.

She said: "Different interest groups cannot agree on a way forward that suits them and in the meantime we are letting down a generation of children to keep themselves safe in a digital world."

"Overwhelmingly parents and children are fed up and want change. "They want compulsory lessons in school to teach children and young people about consent and healthy relationships."

News Bites

Cheers to beer!

OVERTON: A new beer festival has been announced to take place in Overton later this year.

More than 20 beers and eight different types of cider will be available for residents to try at the Firkins and Fizz Festival.

As well as local beers on tap, the festival will also include a prosecco bar and will run across two days on Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22 at St Mary's Hall, in the High Street.

Basingstoke-based covers band Never Too Late will play the Friday, while Gary Myles will be performing on the Saturday at the festival.

Anyone wishing to attend can purchase a ticket now for £8 from the Overton Gallery, The Old House at Home, or online at overtonbeerfestival.co.uk, with a contribution of the proceeds set to go to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance.

Club theft

OVERTON: More than £400 in cash was taken from the safe and cash draw during a burglary at Test Valley Golf Club.

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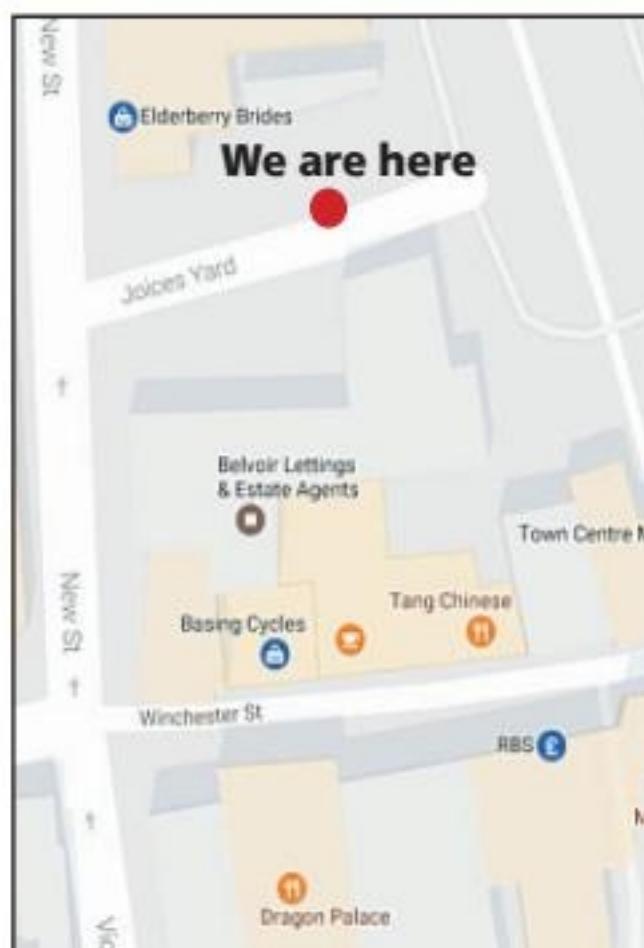
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Roads to close to allow work

TEMPORARY lane closures will be in place in Basingstoke while a £75,000 scheme to improve the water network takes place.

South East Water will be laying 447 metres of new pipe across a small section of Winchester Road and around Hatch Warren roundabout from next Monday.

And in order to keep motorists safe during the works, lanes will be closed along the road, as well as between Hatch Warren roundabout and Kempshott roundabout.

Project manager Stephen Bundred apologised for the disruption and said: "The safety of motorists and our workforce is our top priority when carrying out work, which is why we will need to have temporary lane closure in operation along Winchester Road and Hatch Warren Roundabout while we complete this work."

"We appreciate roadworks can be frustrating, which is why we have been working closely with the highways department at Hampshire County Council and will have phased lane closures as we work. This will keep traffic flowing through the area and keep disruption to a minimum."

The works are expected to take around 12 weeks.

Dr Priya has the WOW factor at awards night

By Christian Wilson

THE leadership and actions of a "lovely" Basingstoke doctor have been honoured at Hampshire hospitals' main annual awards night.

Dr Priya Ilangovan played a major role in saving the life of 11-month-old Henry Duncombe after he was rushed into Basingstoke hospital suffering from a fit in February last year.

But after watching the consultant paediatrician lead her G2 ward team "like clockwork", parents Nathan and Natalie were able to take their son Henry home five days later.

Her exploits led the couple to nominate Dr Ilangovan for a WOW! Award at the time, saying: "Not a day went by when we weren't met with the smile of Dr Priya."

"At a time when we thought we may receive the worst news, the whole team on G2 really shone through."

Around 300 staff members from Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester's hospitals were honoured with similar awards over the last 12

months, although Dr Ilangovan was named one of the main WOW! Award winners for the year on Tuesday last week.

She collected two awards at a glittering ceremony at Winchester's Holiday Inn – picking up the Family and Clinical Support Services Award and the Rotary Club of Basingstoke Deane team award alongside her G2 ward colleagues.

"I am very humbled to win these awards," she said.

"I'm proud of the whole team and department, so to win the team award was really special."

"Working in a great team is what makes you want to go back into work every day."

"Working with children is brilliant."

"Sometimes you can be working on them all night but they bounce back so quickly that they can be giving you high-fives by breakfast."

"When that happens, that is all the reward we need."

Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (HHFT) handed out gongs in nine categories on the night, with spe-



• Dr Priya Ilangovan celebrates with fellow winners at the ceremony

cialist dietitian Rebecca Murphy and Ward E2 clerk Dean Wilson, both of Basingstoke Hospital, just missing out on top awards.

"But I encourage you to be very proud of your contributions," said Elizabeth Padmore, chairman of HHFT.

Speaking to a packed house, you ensure that our patients receive the best possible clinical care and have an excellent experience and that our staff feel encouraged and want to work and are modest about do their best."

Partnership aims to stop rural crime

A NEW partnership has been set up between Hampshire police and the county council to tackle rural crime in the area.

Staff working as part of the council's countryside service will receive training from the force's country watch team as part of the move to help them spot signs of the crime.

And around 20 countryside service vehicles have also been badged with the country watch logo as part of the partnership, in order to help give rural policing a more visible presence.

The council's executive member for countryside, Andrew Gibson, said: "Hampshire is a predominantly rural county, and supporting rural communities is a priority for the county council."

Locally-based teams have good knowledge of the areas they look after and are in a good position to notice any changes or suspicious activity when out performing their duties."

Around 75 per cent of Hampshire is classified as rural, with 300,000 people in these areas.

Police and crime commissioner Michael Lane said: "I am delighted to support this partnership of Hampshire County Council and country watch as we work more effectively and efficiently to keep us all safer."

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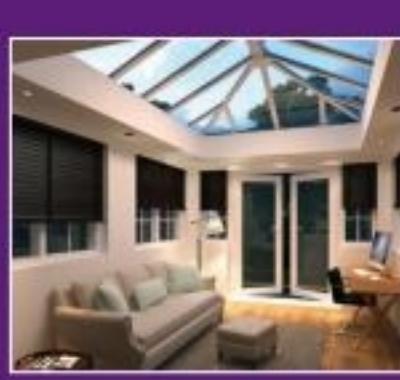
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BASINGSTOKE: First time buyers and people wanting to move up the property ladder are being urged to take part in a Help to Buy event.

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Those who attend will be able to find out about schemes currently available, including the Government's Help to Buy and Shared Ownership schemes.

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Quiz night

BASINGSTOKE: A quiz night is being held next month to help raise the funds needed to run Basingstoke Town Ladies FC.

The event will take place at the football club's Camrose clubhouse, in Western Way, from 7.30pm on March 31.

Anyone is welcome to attend, with tickets costing £10 per person, team sizes from two to six and a range of prizes on offer for the winning team.

For tickets, email annaliese-w_96@hotmail.co.uk.

Council meeting

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The next full meeting of the borough council will take place next Thursday at the authority's civic offices from 6.30pm.

Overnight roundabout work to meet deadline for scheme

By Christian Wilson

WORKERS are set to continue burning the midnight oil until next week to ensure changes to the A30 Winchester Road roundabout are completed on time.

The £4million project to completely redevelop one of Basingstoke's major roundabouts started in September last year and is not due to be completely finished until the summer.

All the lanes around the central island are set to be widened in

that time, as will the approach road, so as to accommodate more traffic following the A340 Ringway West or heading into the town centre.

And the latest stage of the project is now under way, with night works to resurface the roads, paint white lines to mark the widened carriageways and install new traffic lights across the site all taking place.

With work on the minor arm in

south side of the roundabout are set to be completed tonight, while north side alterations will then go on until February 21.

Road widening will begin at 7pm each day and go on through the night until 6am, although the noisiest works will take place first during the early evening, so as to not keep residents awake.

The continuation of the project, which is being coordinated by Hampshire County Council, follows the news last week that £10m had been set aside to upgrade

the A30 Winchester Road from Junction 7 of the M3 into the town.

Executive member for transport at the council, Rob Humby, said: "We understand this kind of work will cause disruption and inconvenience. We will be doing everything we can to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum, and thank people for their understanding during this time."

"These works have been scheduled at night to avoid a major impact on traffic during the day at this important junction and to

ensure the project be completed at the earliest opportunity."

The works, which will also see the existing drainage system at the roundabout upgraded to help congestion at peak times, come as part of a £24m road investment scheme in Basingstoke.

Staggered alterations are also due to take place over the next two years at the A340 Thorneycroft roundabout, A33 Crockford roundabout, A33 Binfields roundabout and A33 Taylors Farm roundabout.



A crashed plane was used in the exercise

Firefighters prepare for disaster

A TEAM of the county's finest firefighters have been undergoing extreme weather training in Denmark to prepare them to deal with real life disasters in Hampshire.

The nine-man group camped out in the unforgiving conditions and worked with teams from France, Russia and Denmark to deal with four different earthquake scenarios.

A collapsed school and hospital, overturned cars and the carcass of a plane were all included

in the exercise, while added stumbling blocks included dealing with a man who refused to be rescued on religious grounds and people with serious injuries.

Base of operations manager, Robin Bates, of Hampshire's urban search and rescue team, led the group, which was comprised of Adrian Johnson, Barry Atkins, Neil Brice, Jason Avery, Phil Crook, Marcus Hill, Kevin Fyfe and Simon Forster.

He said: "Training exercises like this save lives – there is no

doubt of that.

"These scenarios give you the chance to practice your skills in a way that is as close to a real event as possible.

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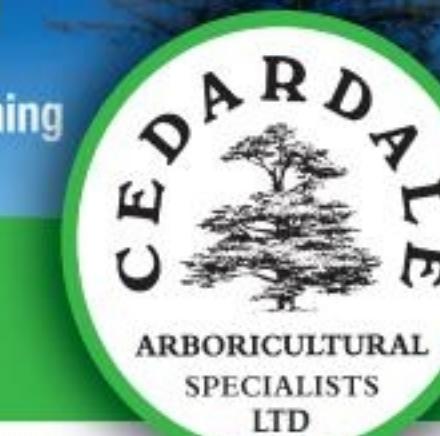
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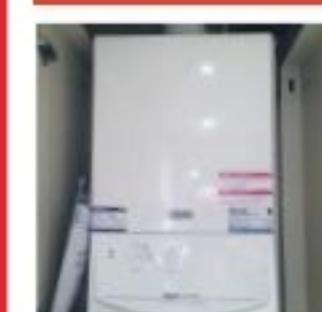
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News Bites**Lottery results**

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, February 10.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 82724 of Tadley, while ticket 26100 of Basingstoke claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Basingstoke ticket 35264, and Tadley ticket 36527 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to 84291, 27191, 49101, 95169, 39926, 36013, 54040, 75562, 44495, 65028, 52006, 85231, 52514, 29942, 54748 and 19159.

Memory money

BASINGSTOKE: A charity that provides services for older people in Basingstoke has been awarded a £250 grant.

Viables Community Association has been handed the funds by care provider Bluebird Care to help purchase new games and equipment for the charity's Memory Club, which benefits old people living with dementia.

Centre manager Luan Squire said: "We hope this project will enable us to continue to provide a broader range of games and resources to support our members who attend our Memory Club every week."

Police to use spit hood to prevent infections

By Christian Wilson

been given, and will continue to receive annually, in their use.

POLICE officers across Hampshire will soon be able to stop people from spitting at them by fitting guards over suspects' heads.

A total of 126 different forms of the assault have taken place against the county's officers since April – including incidents of blood being spat in their direction.

But with this "vile and dangerous act" bringing with it the dangers of infectious diseases like Hepatitis C being spread, Hampshire Constabulary has decided to act by issuing all officers with spit guards.

The guards are made from a light, see through and breathable material, and will only be used on handcuffed suspects who have already or were about to spit.

Hampshire police and crime commissioner (PCC) Michael Lane said: "Assaulting police officers is unacceptable and needs to be understood by the public to be so.

He added: "Being spat at is a vile and dangerous act, which is a growing issue for our officers.

"I have been campaigning for

some time for spit guards to be issued to all of our frontline

officers.

"I know there are some who have concerns that the police will be using these guards, but I would remind them that spit guards will only be used on those who spit at officers and pose a risk.

"If they don't want a spit guard to be used on them then my advice would be don't spit."

When using a spit guard, police will be required to explain the reason for its use, maintain the suspect's dignity, and monitor them at all times.

* Police will soon be able to use spit guards on suspects

**Path closed for six weeks**

A FOOTPATH running through Oakridge is set to be closed for six weeks while a large section of pipe is replaced.

South East Water started work on the footpath running alongside Ringway East and above Gresley Road on Monday.

For the safety of the company's workforce and for pedestrians in the area, a section of footpath near the green in Tavener Close will be closed while work takes place.

The scheme forms part of South East Water's £424million investment programme taking place over the next three years, with a temporary diversion, via Tavener Close and Norn Hill, due to be put in place while work goes on.

Project manager Jeremy Dufour said: "It is unacceptable to us that homes in Basingstoke go without water when this pipe bursts which is why we plan to upgrade this section of pipe.

"The safety of the public and our workforce is our top priority when carrying out work which is why we need to implement this temporary footpath closure.

"I would like to apologise for the disruption this work will cause but hope pedestrians understand the long term benefits this scheme will deliver."

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Gardening project set to grow & grow

THE sale of carrier bags in Tesco stores up and down the country has resulted in a Basingstoke charity being given a big helping hand.

Basingstoke Mencap, which provides much-needed services to people living with learning disabilities in the area, has bagged a £12,000 grant.

And the money is set to be put to good use by refurbishing and enhancing a gardening, woodworking and crafts project run by the charity in Elizabeth Road, South Ham.

A charity spokesperson said: "Since August 2015 Basingstoke Mencap has managed the project at South Ham, having taken over from the Shaw Trust. The grant enables us



"We can't wait to see the projects come to life."

Music makes for better grades, study reveals

By Christian Wilson

RESEARCH conducted by Hampshire County Council has found that teenagers who take music lessons are more likely to get better grades than those who don't.

The results of 608 students from three unidentified schools across the county were compared as part of the study – with 81 per cent of these participants not learning to play an instrument or having singing lessons.

And the research, which is the first of its kind in the UK, found that between junior school and GCSE level, children taking music lessons progressed to an average grade of 3.6 in English, compared to a 3.03 average for those who didn't.

An even greater difference was found in maths results in the study, with instrumentalists progressing to an average of 0.83 more than other children.

The research also found that the "impact is greater the longer a person has been playing an instrument", with the results since being published in the British Journal of Music Education.

Executive member for education, Peter Edgar, said: "It will come as no surprise to many teachers and musicians that learning music helps young



** The study found that both the English and maths grades of children who took music classes was higher than those who didn't*

people learn other subjects more successfully. We now have evidence to support that view.

"I'm delighted we've been able to actually prove this through academic research, validated by peer review.

"Now that the research is available worldwide in an international, highly respected, professional journal, to the music education community, it's to be hoped that other education authorities and schools will be able to make use of our learning."

The research was instigated because many secondary school pupils miss some of their timetabled lessons in order to pursue

learning an instrument.

The county council was keen to understand the effect of this on children's learning, with county inspector for music education, Kevin Rogers, exploring this link between music and educational attainment.

He said: "My initial observations suggested that learning to play an instrument, or taking vocal lessons, correlated with high attainment in core subjects.

"However, I needed to prove that this correlation was caused by the musical learning, rather than other influences on attainment that music students might have in common with each other."

News Bites

Life savers plea

BASINGSTOKE: A doctor from Basingstoke is calling on more people to learn vital first aid skills.

Dr Stephen Tristram, a leading doctor in the treatment of varicose veins at The North Hampshire Foundation Hospital, has just started a new voluntary role as unit president for St John Ambulance, in Basingstoke.

He said: "You never know when you may need to help someone you love, a friend, or a complete stranger. Being able to step in and give first aid could be life-changing to the patient and their family."

To apply for a voluntary role, visit sjah.org.uk.

House burglaries

WINKLEBURY: Three burglary incidents and reports relating to suspicious activity have taken place in the Winklebury area.

Four handbags were stolen during two separate incidents in Kenilworth Road in the early hours of February 1.

It is thought the homes were targeted due to all the lights being switched off in the properties, with thieves trying the handles of several houses and vehicles to see if they were unlocked.

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The trouble is, dealers have experience on their side, and extracting the best deal takes research, savvy and a bold approach. Below are the eight best ways to navigate a car trade-in:

1. Research the value: There are numerous Web sites where this information is available.

After you've checked these resources, you'll be armed with the high-end and low-end sale values for your car. When the dealer asks what you want for your car, hit them with the high end of a realistic price.

2. Make sure the time is right: Convertibles don't sell well during Oxford's grey, winter months, but four-wheel drive vehicles do. Likewise, if you owe more on your car trade-in than you think you'll get from a dealer, you're in a very weak bargaining position.

Follow the news and trends. When petrol prices go up, people demand more fuel-efficient cars and the values of larger cars and SUVs go down.

3. Spruce up the car: Give the car the equivalent of "curb appeal" so the potential buyer's initial reaction is positive.

You should rid the car of any pet or smoke odors. If needed, take it to a dealer or a detail shop and ask for an ozone generator to remove unpleasant smells, or have it valeted.

Remove all your personal items, wash it and vacuum the inside. There should be nothing to stand in the way of the car dealer visualising your car on his forecourt.

4. Show your records: If you've kept all the maintenance records on your car, take them with you and ask the dealer if you can get more for your car because of them.



5. Negotiate the new purchase and car trade-in separately: Conventional wisdom dictates that each transaction should be treated separately. However, rather than negotiating the new car price first, we suggest you start the deal with the car trade-in, especially if you have a fairly sought-after car.

The trade-in is the weakest part of the deal. But if you have something desirable, the only reason the dealer won't take it is if he already has two or three of the same vehicle on his forecourt.

6. What should you say?: Start your negotiation by letting the salesperson know you've done some research. "Say something like, 'I was researching cars online to see what I can get for this car,' not 'it's worth £4,000 and not a penny less.'

7. Avoid game playing: Make a phone call before you go, ask the used-car manager what the value of your trade-in is. If you get a negative feeling on the phone, you'll want to scratch them off your list and save yourself a trip.

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Volvo Cars gives the new face of Volvo to the V40

CENTRAL to the model year exterior updates are new LED 'Thor's Hammer' headlights, resulting in a confident new look shared with Volvo's new XC90, S90 and V90. In the UK, these all-LED lights mark the V40 and V40 Cross Country out as the first models in the segment to get LED headlights

as standard across the range. Also new are grille meshes featuring the updated and more visually striking Volvo Iron Mark.

"The V40 is the best-selling Volvo model in the UK, making it a vital car for the company. With the updates for Model Year 2017, we're making

this already very successful model even more attractive to customers," said Nick Connor, Managing Director of Volvo Car UK.

The exterior update includes the addition of eight new wheels across the V40 and V40 Cross Country models, and five new colours to the V40

range, including the completely new Amazon Blue and Denim Blue, as well as three colours already used by other models in the Volvo Car UK portfolio: Bursting Blue, Mussel Blue and Luminous Sand.

Continuing its innovative approach to powertrain engineering, Volvo has reduced

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The V40's trim structure has also been changed in line with that of the new XC90. Customers can now choose from Momentum and Inscription versions, along with the sports-inspired R-Design and the rugged Cross Country.

In a cue taken from the award-winning Volvo Concept Estate, a new upholstery called City Weave will be added. Several new interior panel trims will also be offered: Milled Aluminium, Black Grid Aluminium and Stealth Aluminium. New tread plates will be added for the R-Design and Inscription trim levels, and an updated key fob with the new Volvo logo will be available.

Volvo On Call already delivers wearable connectivity (Apple Watch/Android Wear), and the new Microsoft Band 2 connectivity now enables voice-control for certain features when using Windows 10-based smartphones.

Other updates to Volvo On Call include a calendar integration function that connects your personal calendar to the mobile app, allowing it to send calendar appointment destinations directly to your navigation on request. For 2016, Volvo On Call will broaden its scope and provide support for up to 10 Volvo vehicles, giving access to all the usual functions across a fleet of cars.

Volvo will also introduce Flic button compatibility with Volvo On Call. Flic allows you to program a single physical 'smart button' to perform several tasks, such as locking your car, and can be used as a shortcut to Volvo On Call services.

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THE V90 won praise for its mixture of style, practicality and desirability, along with its Sensus touchscreen control system and Pilot Assist semi-autonomous drive technology.

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Nat Barnes, one of the judges, described the V90 as "simply gorgeous inside and out" and having "made the estate car desirable again," while fellow judge Nargess Shamalesh Banks said its "contemporary clean design reflects a confident new Volvo – here beautifully applied to an estate car."

The V90 is the third model – after the XC90 SUV and S90 premium saloon – to be based

on Volvo's cutting-edge SPA platform. This structure is built to provide next-generation electrification and infotainment technology, along with world-class safety.

The V90 offers class-leading connectivity, including an advanced nine-inch touchscreen and natural voice control system as standard. There's also the option of Smartphone Integration – which includes Apple CarPlay and Android Auto – and the exceptional Bowers & Wilkins sound system, which has 18 speakers and a sophisticated audio setting that mirrors the acoustics of the Gothenburg Concert Hall in Sweden.

Pilot Assist, Volvo's semi-autonomous drive technology that can take care of the steering, acceleration and braking up to 80 mph, is also standard on every V90, as are a host of labour-saving devices,

such as a power-operated tailgate and keyless engine starting.

Such advanced technology continues under the bonnet. The D5 engine, for example, gets an ingenious Volvo-designed system called PowerPulse, which uses compressed air to give the powerful 2.0-litre engine the responsiveness of a much larger engine at low revs.

Commenting on the award, Jon Wakefield, Managing Director of Volvo Car UK, said: "Winning this prestigious title is a tremendous result for Volvo. The V90 is our most technologically advanced and sophisticated estate ever, and with an interior that's as stunning as it is practical, it sets the standard by which all other estates must now be judged – as confirmed by this award."

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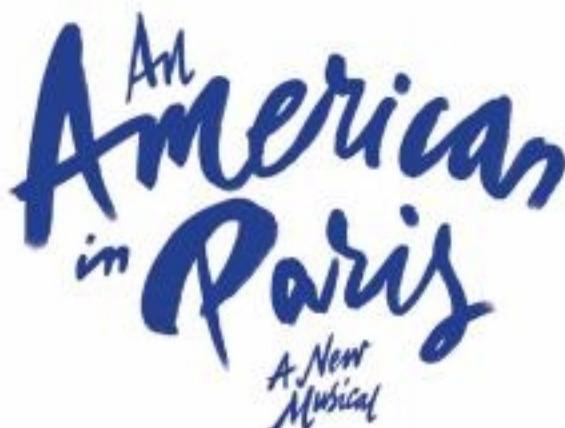
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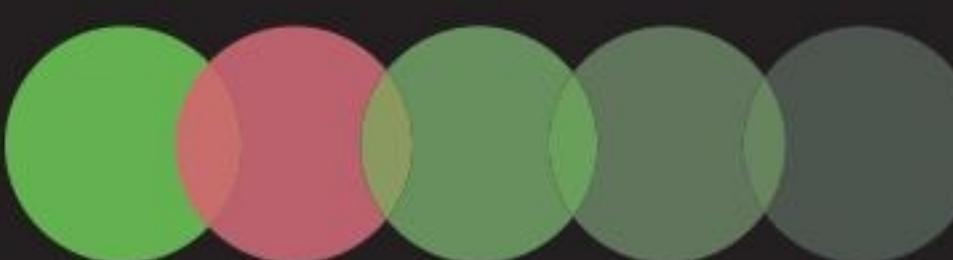
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6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Little Paris Kitchen: Cooking with Rachel Khoo (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Live Athletics: Birmingham Indoor Grand Prix (S) 4.30 Final Score (S) 5.10 BBC News (S) 5.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.25 Who Dares Wins (S) 6.10 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R) 6.55 Let It Shine (S)

7

7.55 Casualty Iain tries to make amends for his past. (S)

8

8.45 Let It Shine – The Results The bands progressing through to the final are revealed. (S)

9

9.15 Taboo James Delaney loses everything, and as the Crown and the East India Company conspire against him, a devastating betrayal places even his freedom in jeopardy. (S)

10

10.15 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights Action from the fifth round of matches. (S)

11

11.40 This Country Kerry's neighbour becomes a tattoo artist, and Kurtan tries to find a long-lost friend. (S)

AFTER

12.05 FILM Having You (2013) (PG) Drama, starring Anna Friel (S) **1.40** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.45** BBC News (S)

9.30 Coast (S) 10.00 Britain's Secret Seas (S)(R) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 A Cook Abroad: John Torode's Argentina (S)(R) 1.00 Talking Pictures: John Hurt (S) **1.30 FILM An Ideal Husband (1999) (PG) (S) 3.00 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 3.45 Mastermind (S)(R) 4.15 University Challenge (S)(R) 4.45 Only Connect (S)(R) 5.15 Nature's Weirdest Events (S)(R) 6.00 Flog It! (S)(R)**

7.00 The Lake District: A Wild Year A year in the life of England's largest national park. (S)(R)

8.00 Grand Tours of the Scottish Islands New series, Paul Murton visits Berneray, Grimsay, Kirkibost and Pabbay. (S)
8.30 Dad's Army (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Testament of Youth (2014) (12) Premiere. Period drama, starring Alicia Vikander and Kit Harington. (S)

11.05 FILM Safe Haven (2013) (12) Romantic drama, with Julianne Hough and Josh Duhamel. (S)

12.55 FILM The White Ribbon (2009) (15) Mystery, starring Christian Friedel. **3.10 This Is BBC Two (S)**

ITV

Through the
Keyhole,
9.20pm



9.05 Scrambled! Adventure Time (S) (R) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Alphabetical (S)(R) 10.30 Guess This House (S)(R) 11.25 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.35 River Monsters (S)(R) 1.05 Tipping Point (S)(R) 2.05 The Chase (S)(R) 3.10 Dance Dance Dance (S)(R) 4.40 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 4.55 ITV News (S) 5.10 FILM Despicable Me (2010) (U) (S)

7.00 Ninja Warrior UK The final round arrives. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 The Voice UK The blind audition phase concludes. (S)

9.20 Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon hosts the game show. (S)

10.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.35 FILM Knocked Up (2007) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl and Paul Rudd. (S)

11.50 Jackpot247 3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

12.50 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.15 Hollyoaks (S) 4.15 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.25 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) 5.25 Fifteen to One (S)(R)**

Channel 4

Great Canal
Journeys,
8pm



6.20 The King of Queens (S)(R) 7.10 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.30 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.55 The Simpsons (S) (R) 12.00 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast (S)(R) 1.00 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 3.35 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 4.35 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.35 Grand Designs (S)(R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 The Restoration Man A chance to catch up with busy, Devon-based renovators Neil Worrall and Jackie Robinson. (S)

8.00 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales make a two-stage journey across Scotland. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM Taken 2 (2012) (12) Former CIA agent Bryan Mills fights to rescue his ex-wife from an Albanian gangster whose son he killed. Action thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson. (S)

10.50 FILM The Bourne Legacy (2012) (12) Spy thriller sequel, with Jeremy Renner and Rachel Weisz. (S)

1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.15 Hollyoaks (S) 4.15 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) **4.25 Phil: Secret Agent Down Under (S)(R) 5.25 Fifteen to One (S)(R)**

Channel 5

Football on 5:
The Champion-
ship, 9pm



6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.35 Access 10.40 Police Interceptors (R) 12.35 Benefits: 26 Kids and Claiming (S)(R) 1.35 Benefits: The Millionaire Shoplifter (S)(R) 2.35 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 4.30 5 News (S) 4.35 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R) 5.30 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R) 6.30 FIA Formula E Live: Buenos Aires (S)

8.10 Secrets of the Great Train Robbery Careless errors made by the thieves who famously raided a Royal Mail train on August 8, 1963. (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. (S)
10.30 NCIS Ducky is forced to reveal he has been helping to solve crimes in his spare time. (S)

11.25 NCIS: Los Angeles Deeks shoots and kills an unarmed man. (S)(R)

12.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Magic Makes You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) **4.00 On Benefits:** To Heat or to Eat? That's the Question (S)(R) **4.50 House Doctor (S) (R) 5.15 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.40 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Roary the Racing Car (S)(R)**

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6.00 Emmerdale 8.25 Coronation Street **11.20 Ninja Warrior UK** 12.20 Take Me Out **1.35 You've Been Framed!** Gold **2.10 FILM: Honey (2003) (PG)** Urban dance drama, starring Jessica Alba. **3.10 FYI Daily 3.15 FILM: Honey (2003) (PG)** Concluded. **4.05 FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12)** Comedy, starring Rupert Everett. **5.05 FYI Daily 5.10 FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12)** Concluded. **6.05 FILM: After Earth (2013) (12)** Sci-fi adventure, starring Will and Jaden Smith. **7.05 FYI Daily 7.10 FILM: After Earth (2013) (12)** Concluded. **8.00 Scorpion** 9.00 FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) (15) Action comedy, starring Simon Pegg. **10.05 FYI Daily 10.10 FILM: Hot Fuzz (2007) (15)** Concluded. **11.25 Family Guy** **12.50 American Dad!** **1.50 Release the Hounds: Famous & Freaked** 2.35 Planet's Funniest Animals **3.00 Teleshopping**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote **8.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Master Blackmailer** **11.05 FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG)** Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. **1.05 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG)** Concluded. **2.55 FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG)** Comedy, with Jim Dale. **3.55 FYI Daily 4.00 FILM: Carry On Follow That Camel (1967) (PG)** Concluded. **4.55 Wycliffe** **6.00 Midsomer Murders** **8.00 Doc Martin** **9.00 Midsomer Murders** **11.00 Law & Order: UK** **12.00 Wycliffe** **1.05 Marchlands** **2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen** **2.30 Teleshopping**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 Indian Hill Railways **8.00 Ford's Dagenham Dream** **9.00 Treasures of Ancient Egypt** **10.00 Easter Island: Mysteries of a Lost World** **11.30 Top of the Pops: 1983** **12.05 Rock 'n' Roll America** **3.05 Sounds of the 70s 2: Soul - Keep on Keeping on** **3.35 Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.20 Melissa & Joey** **7.05 How I Met Your Mother** **8.00 Young & Hungry** **9.00 Baby Daddy** **10.00 Melissa & Joey** **11.00 Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **12.00 The Goldbergs** **3.00 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 FILM: Knight and Day (2010) (12)** Comedy adventure, with Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. **10.10 Gogglebox** **2016** **11.50 Gogglebox: Celebrity Special For Stand Up To Cancer** **1.00 Celebs Go Dating** **3.00 Marvel's Agents**

BBC2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

8.00 Tenko **11.00 Sharpe** **1.00 Tenko** **5.00 One Foot in the Grave** **7.00 Hetty Wainthropp Investigates** **8.00 Jonathan Creek** **9.00 Taggart** **11.00 FILM: Marnie (1964) (15)** Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Sean Connery and Tippi Hedren. **1.40 The Ruby in the Smoke** **3.25 Garden Hopping** **4.00 Home Shopping**

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **7.00 Monkey Business** **8.00 The Big Spell** **9.00 The Fantasy Football Club** **10.00 Soccer AM** **11.30 What's Up** **12.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2017** **1.00 Fences: Special** **1.30 Futurama** **3.00 Modern Family** **5.00 Supergirl** **6.00 The Flash** **7.00 MacGyver** **8.00 NCIS: Los Angeles** **9.00 FILM: Star Trek: Generations (1994) (PG)** Sci-fi adventure sequel, starring Patrick Stewart and William

of SHIELD **3.45 Rude(ish) Tube** **4.25 Baby Daddy** **5.10 Revenge**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Come Dine with Me **11.35 Homes by the Sea** **12.35 Location, Location, Location** **1.40 Coast vs Country** **2.45 Four in a Bed** **5.25 Come Dine with Me** **7.55 The Real Noah's Ark** **9.00 Bin Laden: Shoot to Kill** **10.40 24 Hours in A&E** **11.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** **12.50 Bin Laden: Shoot to Kill** **2.35 24 Hours in A&E** **3.30 Food Unwrapped** **4.00 Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 ParaNorman (2012) (PG) **1.00 Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG)** **2.45 Scrooged (1988) (PG)** Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray. **4.50 Moonrise Kingdom (2012) (12)** Comedy drama, with Bruce Willis and Edward Norton. **6.40 Tootsie (1982) (15)** Comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman. **9.00 St Vincent (2014) (12)** Premiere, Comedy drama, starring Bill Murray. **11.05 Zombieland (2009) (15)** Comedy horror, starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg. **12.50 Stripes (1981) (15)** **3.20 Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Storage Hunters **10.00 Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge** **12.00 The Best of Top Gear** **2.00 QI XL** **4.00 Top Gear** **5.00 The Best of Top Gear** **7.00 Not Going Out** **9.00 FILM: Passenger 57 (1992) (15)** Action thriller, with Wesley Snipes. **10.40 Have I Got a Bit More News for You** **12.40 Not Going Out** **2.00 Suits** **2.50 Live at the Electric** **3.20 Not Going Out** **4.00 Close**

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

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SKY1 SKY: 106 FV: 10

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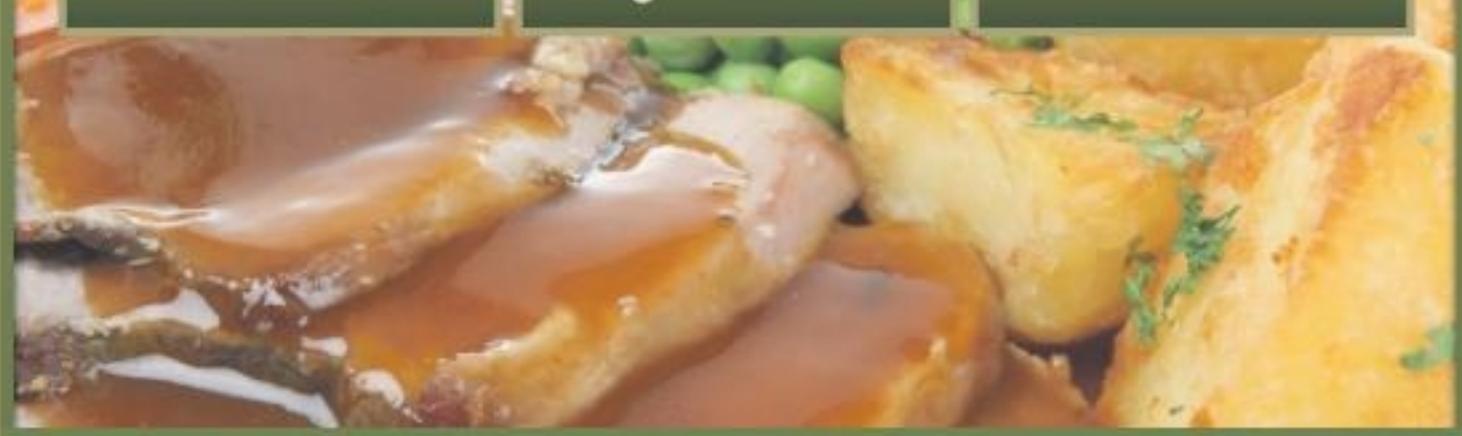


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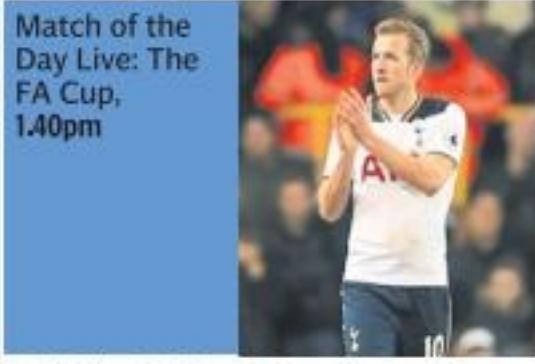
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Sunday February 19th

BBC1



Match of the Day Live: The FA Cup, 1.40pm

DAYTIME

7

7.00 **Countryfile** Ellie Harrison helps with the annual clean-up at Cheddar Gorge. (S)

8

8.00 **Call the Midwife** Fred and Violet take care of a relative with Down's Syndrome. (S)

9

9.00 **SS-GB** New series. Drama set in an alternate history of the Second World War where Britain is under German occupation. (S)

10

10.00 **BBC News** (S)
10.20 **BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)
10.30 MOTD: FA Cup Highlights Action from the fifth round of matches. (S)

11

11.10 **American High School** (S)
11.55 **The Celebrity Apprentice USA** The celebrities must write produce and direct a silent video. (S)

AFTER
12

1.20 **Weather for the Week Ahead** (S)
1.25 **BBC News** (S)

BBC2



Dragons' Den, 8pm

9.00 **Countryfile Winter Special** (S)(R)
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S)
11.30 **Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day** (S)(R) 12.00 **Nigellissima** (S)(R) 12.30 **A Cook Abroad: Rick Stein's Australia** (S)(R) 1.30 **Omar Sharif: Talking Pictures** (S)(R) 2.00 **FILM Funny Lady** (1975) (PG) (S) 4.15 **Birds of Paradise: The Ultimate Quest** (S)(R) 5.15 **Ski Sunday** (S) 6.00 **FILM Oz the Great and Powerful** (2013) (PG)

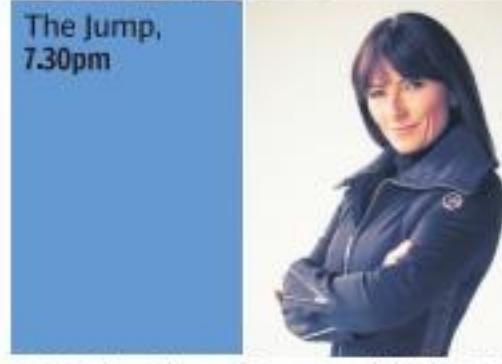
ITV



The Good Karma Hospital, 9pm

9.30 **Countryside: Guide to Britain** (S)(R) 10.00 **Peston on Sunday** (S) 10.55 **Gino's Italian Escape: Hidden Italy** (S)(R) 11.25 **Chopping Block** (S)(R) 12.30 **ITV News; Weather** (S) 12.45 **FILM Carry On Jack** (1963) (PG) (S) 2.25 **All Star Family Fortunes** (S)(R) 3.10 **Ninja Warrior UK** (S)(R) 4.15 **The Voice UK** (S)(R) 5.30 **Tipping Point** (S)(R) 6.30 **ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) 6.40 **ITV News** (S)

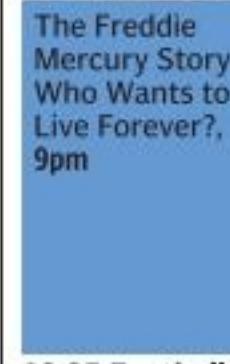
Channel 4



The Jump, 7.30pm

6.15 **The King of Queens** (S)(R) 7.10 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) 8.30 **Frasier** (S)(R) 9.30 **Sunday Brunch** (S) 12.30 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** (S)(R) 1.35 **The Simpsons** (S)(R) 2.35 **FILM Addams Family Values** (1993) (PG) (S) 4.30 **Channel 4 News** (S) 5.00 **FILM The Karate Kid** (2010) (PG) Martial arts drama, with Jaden Smith and Jackie Chan. (S)

Channel 5



The Freddie Mercury Story: Who Wants to Live Forever?, 9pm

10.35 **Football on 5: The Championship** (S)(R) 11.30 **Football on 5: Goal Rush** (S)(R) 12.00 **Inside Windsor Castle** (S)(R) 12.55 **Secrets of the National Trust with Alan Titchmarsh** (S)(R) 1.55 **FILM Seabiscuit** (2003) (PG) (S) 4.30 **News** (S) 4.35 **FILM National Lampoon's Vacation** (1983) (15) (S) 6.25 **FILM National Lampoon's European Vacation** (1985) (15) (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 **Totally Bonkers** Guinness World Records 6.10 **Emmerdale** 8.45 **Coronation Street** 11.40 **The Voice UK** 1.00 **2Awesome: 2Awesome** 1.05 **2Awesome: 2Awesome: Guidance** 1.40 **2Awesome: 2Awesome: Fame High** 1.55 **2Awesome: 2Awesome: Third Wheel** 2.25 **2Awesome: 2Awesome: LA Story** 2.45 **You've Been Framed! Gold** 3.10 **FILM: The Haunted Mansion** (2003) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. 4.10 **FYI Daily** 4.15 **FILM: The Haunted Mansion** (2003) (PG) Concluded. 4.55 **FILM: The Smurfs 2** (2013) (U) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Hank Azaria. 5.55 **FYI Daily** 6.00 **FILM: The Smurfs 2** (2013) (U) Concluded. 7.00 **FILM: Jack and Jill** (2011) (PG) Comedy, starring Adam Sandler. 8.00 **FYI Daily** 8.05 **FILM: Jack and Jill** (2011) (PG) Concluded. 9.00 **Ibiza Weekender** 10.00 **Family Guy** 11.30 **American Dad!** 12.25 **The Cleveland Show** 1.25 **Ibiza Weekender** 2.15 **Teleshopping** 5.45 **ITV2 Nightscreen**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 **On the Buses** 6.30 **Wycliffe** 7.20 **Murder, She Wrote** 8.30 **Heartbeat** 10.40 **FILM: Carry on Follow That Camel** (1967) (PG) Comedy, with Jim Dale. 11.40 **FYI Daily** 11.45 **FILM: Carry on Follow That Camel** (1967) (PG) Concluded. 12.40 **FILM: Hidden Treasure** (2001) Drama, starring John Thaw. 2.45 **Wycliffe** 3.50 **Agatha Christie's Marple** 6.00 **Midsomer Murders** 8.00 **The Royal Variety Performance** 2016 10.35 **Birds of a Feather** 11.10 **FILM: Steptoe and Son Ride Again** (1973) (PG) Comedy, starring Harry H Corbett and Wilfrid Brambell. 12.10 **FYI Daily** 12.15 **FILM: Steptoe and Son Ride Again** (1973) (PG) Concluded. 1.15 **Inspector Morse** 3.05 **May the Best House Win** 4.50 **On the Buses** 5.40 **ITV3 Nightscreen**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 **Sound of Song** 8.00 **Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra** 9.00 **Tom Waits: Tales from a Cracked Jukebox** 10.00 **The Cult Next Door** 11.00 **FILM: Phoenix** (2014) (12) Premiere. Post-Second World War drama, starring Nina Hoss. 12.35 **Nelson's Caribbean Hell-Hole: An Eighteenth Century Navy Graveyard Uncovered** 1.35 **Order and Disorder with Jim Al-Khalili** 2.35 **Life of a Mountain: A Year on Blencathra** 3.35 **Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.20 **Top Gear** 8.30 **Top Gear Vietnam Special** 10.00 **Steve Austin's Broken Skull Challenge** 11.00 **Motorway Cops** 12.00 **Jay Leno's Garage** 2.00 **Top Gear** 5.00 **Red Bull Soapbox Race** 6.00 **Top Gear** 7.30 **Top Gear Vietnam Special** 9.00 **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** 10.00 **Suits** 11.00 **Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish** 12.00 **Crackanory** 12.35 **Room 101** 1.10 **Dave Gorman Goodish Hits** 2.10 **Suits** 3.00 **Live at the Electric** 4.00 **Close**

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 **New Tricks** 8.00 **The Bill** 12.00 **Emma** 4.00 **Catherine Cookson's The Rag Nymph** 7.00 **New Tricks** 9.00 **Silent Witness** 11.10 **Spooks** 3.00 **New Tricks** 4.00 **Home Shopping**

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 **Hour of Power** 7.00 **Futurama** 9.00 **Supergirl** 10.00 **The Flash** 11.00 **WWE Raw** 12.00 **Futurama** 1.30 **Modern Family** 5.00 **The Simpsons** 5.30 **The Big Spell** 6.30 **The Simpsons** 8.00 **Freddie Down Under** 9.00 **Hawaii Five-0** 10.00 **NCIS: Los Angeles** 11.00 **MacGyver** 12.00 **The Force: Essex** 1.00 **Air Ambulance ER** 2.00 **Arrow** 2.50 **Police Force: Australia** 5.15 **Road Wars**

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 **The West Wing** 7.00 **The West Wing Special** 8.00 **The West Wing** 11.00 **Without a Trace** 4.00 **Blue Bloods** 9.00 **Fortitude** 10.00 **FILM: A History of Violence** (2005) (18) Thriller, starring Viggo Mortensen. 11.55 **True Detective** 1.10 **The Wire** 2.25 **Looking** 4.10 **Storm City**

W SKY: 109

6.00 **Betty White's Off Their Rockers** 6.25 **Believe** 7.15 **Your Home in Their Hands** 8.30 **MasterChef USA** 12.30 **Doctor Who** 4.00 **My Family** 6.00 **Outnumbered** 8.00 **Honey I Bought the House** 9.00 **Celebrity Advice Bureau** 10.00 **Sherlock** 12.00 **Code Black** 1.00 **Inside the Ambulance** 1.50 **Crisis** 2.35 **Betty White's Off Their Rockers** 3.00 **Home Shopping**

GOLD SKY: 110

7.00 **Cheers** 7.50 **One Foot in the Grave** 8.55 **FILM: Carry On Sergeant** (1958) (U) Comedy, starring William Hartnell. 10.35 **Only Fools and Horses** 9.00 **Blackadder II** 11.00 **The Thick of It** 12.20 **Limmy's Show** 1.40 **House of Fools** 2.55 **Nighty Night** 4.00 **Home Shopping**

SKY SPORTS 1 SKY: 401

6.00 **Live One-Day International Cricket**, New Zealand v South Africa. 9.00 **The Sunday Supplement** 10.30 **Goals on Sunday** 12.30 **Live SPFL Football**, Kilmarnock v Aberdeen (kick-off 1.00pm). 3.00 **Live SPFL Football**, Dundee v Rangers (kick-off 3.15pm). 5.30 **Live World Pool Masters**. The semi-finals and final from Gibraltar. 9.30 **Goals on Sunday** 10.30 **Football's Greatest Players** 11.00 **Premier League** 100 Club 12.00 **World Pool Masters** 4.00 **Football Gold**



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Alpines are such hot stuff

By James Richings

THEY have written songs for Sub Focus and toured with Emeli Sandé and Florence + The Machine but Bob Matthews and Catherine Pockson will finally get their share of the limelight as they play in Oxford next week.

Better known as the duo Alpines, the duo will visit The Cellar at Frewin Court for the first time in three years on Tuesday, February 21, following the release of their second album Another River.

And even though they have toured the world and worked with some of the biggest names in British music, Bob and Catherine insist 'they haven't had their big break yet', as they embark on another UK tour.

"We signed to a major label very early in our career, but that is by no means a guarantee or a measure of success," Catherine told the Guardian.

"We left that label as it didn't work out for us."

"Now we have the right setup for what we want to do."

"We still have a lot more people to reach."

Bob added: "Everyone we have worked with has been incredible and it is always so eye opening and a great learning curve to go into the studio

with other artists."

Following their formation in 2010, Bob and Catherine have gained many fans worldwide, with their music used in a number of films, TV shows and advertisements. Most notably, their tracks Cocoon and Fossilised were used in two episodes of CSI in 2011 and 2012.

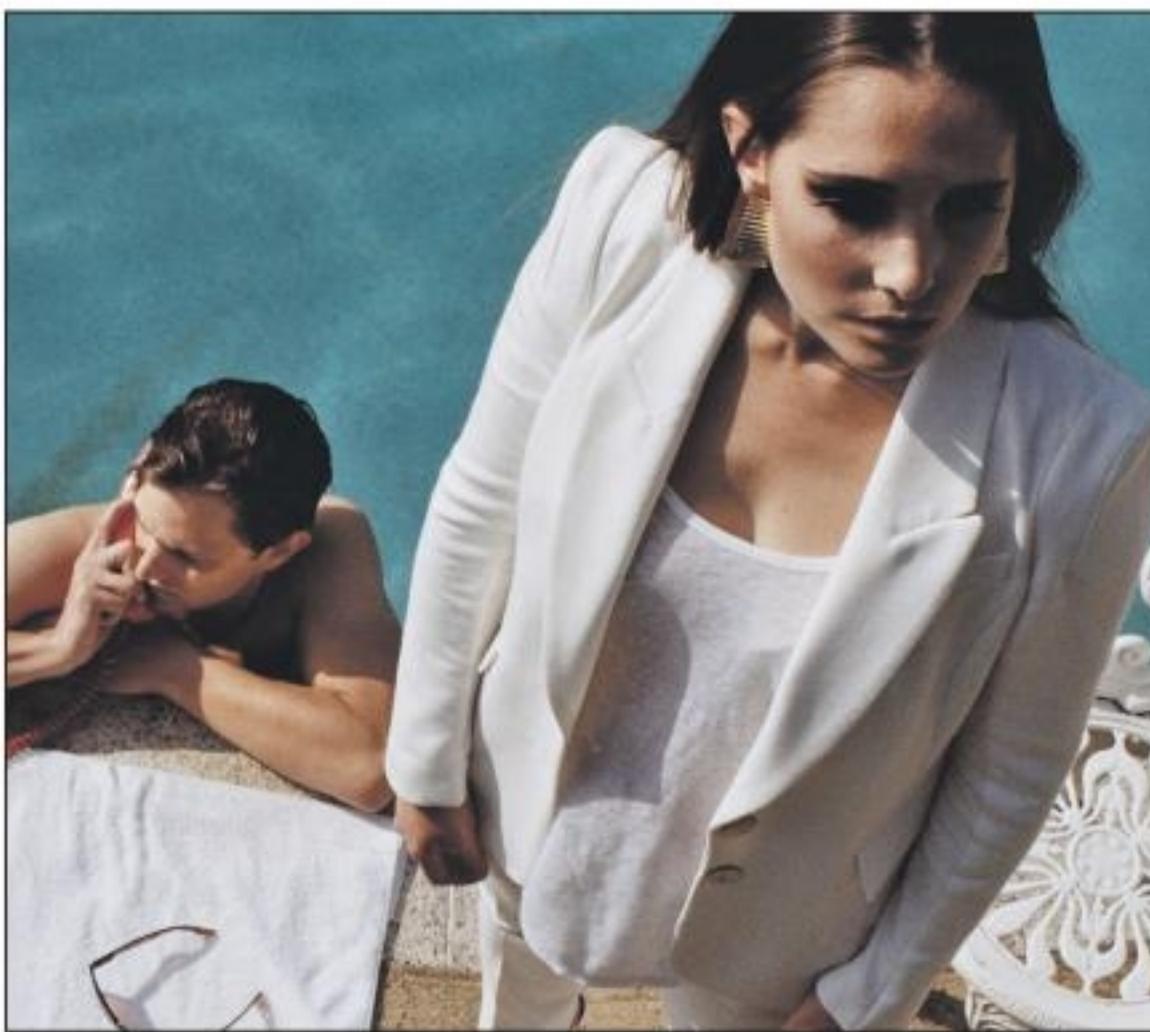
So you'd think that performing all over the globe or even having thousands of fans would be Bob and Catherine's career highlight to date but they quote signing to a new record label last year, which helped release their latest album, as their highlight.

"Signing to Metropolis Records last year after a couple of years of very hard work writing and recording 'Another River' has to be a highlight for us," Bob said.

"It has enabled us to do things we have always dreamed of, including a live performance of songs from the album at Metropolis studios, which included Catherine playing on Freddie Mercury's piano which was a real honour."

"But probably one of the best experiences was recording and performing with The Maccabees on their song 'Unknown' which is on their album 'Given To The Wild'."

Catherine added: "It's great when



• Bob Matthews and Catherine Pockson (Picture: www.facebook.com/alpinesmusic)

your songs are used in film and television, partly because it's one of the few ways we can make income these days.

"However you have to remember, it's just one or two people's opinions

that gets you that spot."

"Other fans are just as important."

The gig starts at 7pm and tickets cost £7. It's suitable for anyone over the age of 16.

Frog love story

DANCE: A ballet adaptation of the Disney animated film, The Princess and the Frog, will take place at the Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Sunday, February 19.

Prince Naveen has been turned into a frog after being cursed and can only break the spell by kissing the love of his life Tiana, in this production by Let's All Dance.

Tickets cost £8 and it starts at 2pm.

London's Burning

SCIENCE: Science Oxford will arrive at The Chipping Norton Theatre as part of their London's Burning show.

A group of scientists will explain to the Spring Street audience the events of September 2, 1666 - the four-day long Great Fire of London.

It will take place tomorrow night, Friday, February 17, starting at 7pm.

Tickets cost £11.

All Night Long

DANCE: Brendan Cole will be returning to the New Theatre on Sunday, February 26.

The New Zealander returns to the George Street venue as part of his, All Night Long UK Tour.

Tickets cost from £30.90 to £46.60 and it starts at 7.30pm.

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Plenty of Satisfaction here

By James Richings

ONE of the world's leading tribute acts to The Rolling Stones will be heading to The Phoenix Theatre and Arts Centre in Bordon next month.

Not The Rolling Stones will be taking to the stage as part of their huge UK and European tour, visiting numerous venues, as well as performing at a number of festivals.

And for Not The Rolling Stones member Laurence Whiteley, who portrays guitarist Mick Taylor in the band, the audience is what makes their gigs special.

"We feed off the energy they generate and it's actually easier to play better when there's a great atmosphere and the crowd are enjoying what we do," Laurence told the Observer.

"And a performance is always better when the audience enjoy and appreciate what we are doing."

"We love and appreciate what The Stones do and we love making those songs come alive for an audience, and hopefully create the illusion of the real thing, but we are, after all, called Not the Rolling Stones!"

The four have been together for nearly a decade, and will perform iconic tunes such as 'Not Fade Away', 'I Can't Get No (Satisfaction)' and

'Jumping Jack Flash'.

Their gig at the Station Road venue comes after a successful 2016 where the quartet gigged in a number of high profile cities such as Madrid and Barcelona.

And even if Laurence and the gang are not performing their own tracks on the night, they still receive a warm reception worthy of an established band.

"All we can do is make it the best it can be and, of course, we hope that people appreciate it and want to see the band," Laurence said.

"For me, success is just a by-product of being driven to do something well that you are passionate about."

He added: "The most fun we had was probably playing for a private (and rather wealthy) client in Naples who flew us all out there, provided wonderful food, all our musical instruments, an amazing night of playing and partying with the rich and beautiful people of Naples – and paid us for the pleasure! Not bad, not bad at all."

Tickets cost £14 and the gig on March 10 starts at 8pm.

* Laurence Whiteley, just one quarter of Not The Rolling Stones, are in Bordon next month



Orchestra in town

LIVE MUSIC: The Philharmonic Orchestra will arrive at The Anvil on Tuesday, February 21.

The group of classically trained musicians will perform compositions by Beethoven, Tansy Davies and Johan Strauss at the Churchill Way venue.

Tickets cost from £10 to £40 and it will start at 7.45pm.

Rock of ages

MUSIC: The Harvey Baker Band will be gigging at The Wellington Social Club this Saturday, February 18.

The four musicians from Alton arrive at the Elmwood Way venue to perform popular rock and pop tunes from decades gone by.

It will begin at 8.30pm and the gig is free for members.

Non-members will have to pay £1.

Any more room?

THEATRE: The family fun show Room on the Broom will return to The Haymarket from Friday, March 3 to Saturday, March 5.

The children's production will follow a witch and her cat flying on their broomstick, until storms hit.

Tickets cost £14.50, with the production being suitable for children over the age of three.



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NORTHANGER ABBEY

Wed, Feb 15 – Sat Feb 18,
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RAFFLES – THE MYSTERY MURDERED THIEF
From the team behind Father Brown - The Curse of the Invisible Man, comes a sparkling whodunit

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Thu, Feb 16, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke

BOOTLEG BEACH BOYS
Performing a selection of classic hits and cult favourites, this tribute



One Moment In Time, I'm Every Woman, Greatest Love of All, and many more. This award winning production features a stellar line-up with rising West End star Rebecca Freckleton delivering a breathtaking performance as Whitney.

Fri, Feb 17, 2.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
SUE PERKINS LIVE! IN SPECTACLES
Please note that tickets for this show are selling fast! Visit the website (<http://www.anvilarts.org.uk/>) for more information.

Sat, Feb 18, 7pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
NEWBURY TALENT IV
Everyone has talent, and we want to see everything you can throw at us - the last time we ran this event we had everything from singers and dancers to aerial artists and poi performers, so come and show us what you can do! Two rounds of auditions will be held in January, and we will be selecting up to 12 acts to take through to the final event in February, which will feature three guest judges, a featured act and some great prizes. To find out how to get involved, please read the below information.

Fri, Feb 17, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
WHITNEY: QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

Join us on a magical rollercoaster ride through three decades of classic hit's that include, I Wanna Dance With Somebody,

Sat, Feb 18, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
RUMOURS OF FLEETWOOD MAC
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Sat, Feb 18, 8pm
New Greenham Arts, Newbury
JIM CAUSLEY
An evening of new music from five-time nominee of the BBC Radio 2 Folk Award, Jim Causley. Jim is celebrating over a decade as an acclaimed solo artist and performer with a brand new studio album Forgotten Kingdom, released by Hands On Music on February 19th 2016, and a supporting tour.

Sat, Feb 18, 8.15pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
CONNLA
These five tremendous musicians came together while studying at Ulster University. Their debut EP won them media attention and rave reviews, and Irish Music magazine said of the sampler: "Consider this your early warning system... there is something serious on the horizon and that creative storm is Connla."

Fri, Feb 24, 7.45pm
Corn Exchange, Newbury
SING-A-LONG-A GREASE
The sing along screening of the classic film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John is brought to you by the producers of Sing-a-Long-a Sound of Music.

Sat, Feb 25, 7.30pm
New Greenham Arts Centre, Newbury
MARI WILSON
Featuring her own unique interpretations of well-known songs alongside her classic hits. For the past 18 months, Mari has been touring her show, Ready Steady Girls to sell out

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Tue, Mar 14
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
SKERRYVORE

crowds.
Mari's new album Pop Deluxe has been met with rave reviews. Her latest show features her interpretations of classic hits such as Don't Sleep In The Subway, You're



My World, Always Something There To Remind Me, and 24 Hours from Tulsa. Mari will perform these songs alongside some of her classic hits, including the 80's classic Just What I Always Wanted.

Fri, Mar 3, 7.45pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Don Quixote is one of Strauss' finest and most imaginative tone poems. Sancho Panza (viola)

and Don Quixote (cello) set off in search of the beautiful Dulcinea. They encounter windmills, scatter a flock of sheep and fly on a magic carpet – each episode vividly depicted in the music – before the gentle Don meets his knightly match and expires in one of

the composer's most affecting endings.

Fri, Mar 3 – Sun, Mar 5
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
ROOM ON THE BROOM
The Witch and her cat are travelling on their broomstick when they pick up some hitch-hikers – a friendly dog, a beautiful green bird and a crazy frog. But this broomstick's not meant for five and – CRACK – it snaps in two... just as the hungry dragon appears!

Sun, Mar 5, 8.15pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
PETER KNIGHT'S GIGSPANNER

Since his departure from folk-rock pioneers Steeleye Span at the end of 2013, legendary fiddle player Peter Knight has turned his full attention to his trio Gigspanner, and in the process has firmly established their burgeoning reputation as one of the most innovative acts on the folk and roots scene.

Wed, Mar 8 – Sat, Mar 11
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
NORTHANGER ABBEY

At 17, she is taken by her aunt to Bath where she encounters the social whirl denied her at home. When Catherine accepts an invitation to the Tilneys' country seat at Northanger Abbey, lurid images from her favourite gothic novel The Mysteries of Udolpho threaten to overwhelm her.

Fri, Mar 10, 8pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
OMID DJALILI
Award-winning comedian and actor Omid Djalili is back on the road with a nationwide tour.

Fri, Mar 10, 8.15pm
The Forge
EDURADO NIEBLA AND MATTHEW ROBINSON
If you don't know the stunning guitar playing of Eduardo Niebla, you're in for a treat. If you are already among his admirers around the world, you know you have something quite extraordinary in store. Accompanied by Matthew Robinson

Sat, Mar 11, 7.30pm
The Anvil, Basingstoke
80'S INVASION TOUR 2017
Due to overwhelming public demand, the 80's Invasion tour is back with four amazing artists from the decade performing on the same bill. The new line-up features Paul Young, one of the most popular solo artists from the era, pop punk princess Toyah, Liverpool's finest guitar duo China Crisis and performing in the UK for the first time in over 25 years, the gorgeous Martika

Sat, Mar 11, 7.45pm
The Forge, Basingstoke
ZOE LYONS
Winner of the Chortle Best Comic Award, Zoe Lyons (Live at the Apollo, The John Bishop Show, Alan Davies As Yet Untitled, Mock the Week) hits the road with a brand new show.

Tue, Mar 14, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
SKERRYVORE
After a year of tenth anniversary celebrations in 2015, Skerryvore are back with their signature blend of eclectic musical styles. This 7-piece band are known for mixing everything from traditional folk and rock to pop and jazz, honing their sound over six albums and extensive worldwide touring since 2005. They come to Basingstoke fresh from a world tour delighting audiences in Holland, Germany, Italy and the USA as well as here in the UK, storming venues from the Shetland Islands to the south of England.

There's never been a better time to dive in to their feel good fusion of energetic rock and traditional folk influences.

Thu, Mar 16, 7.30pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
THE COUNTRY SUPER-STARS EXPERIENCE
Sarah Jayne, who has been performing as Dolly Parton for over 24 years, and award-winning vocal impersonator Andy Crust take us on a journey back through time meeting some of the most influential figures who shaped Country history and the music.

Fri, Mar 17, 7.45pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke
AN EVENING OF DIRTY DANCING
Now in its seventh record-breaking year, this five star homage to perhaps the greatest movie soundtrack of all time is a high energy emotional rollercoaster of an evening, with breath-taking choreography and buckets of nostalgia.

Includes the unforgettable songs Big Girls Don't Cry, Hey Baby, Wipeout, Do You Love Me? and many more. Put your dancing shoes on and get ready to have the time of your life! Please note this production is not affiliated with Dirty Dancing: The Classic Story On Stage on tour in the UK and worldwide.

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Suzuki SX4 S-Cross 1.4 Boosterjet SZ5 ALLGRIP (AT)

By Tony Yates

THE S-Cross first went on sale in October 2013 as Suzuki's first 'C' segment crossover model. Now, just over three years later, this major face lifted model has been introduced with a more distinctive and upright front end styling, along with a stronger and bolder road presence, slightly higher ground clearance and newly designed headlamps which all help provide a much sharper look. Also at the rear, newly designed LED rear combination lamps are used to provide a cleaner and more contemporary style.

Power and efficiency

The 1.4-litre 140PS Direct Injection turbocharged (DITC) petrol engine is actually very compact and offers 220Nm of torque. Max speed comes in at around 124mph and it will do 0-62mph in 10.2 seconds. I also managed a combined fuel consumption of 48.2mpg.

Suzuki's ALLGRIP system is available on SZ-T and SZ5 models, which gives you four driver-selectable modes for safe, enjoyable driving on variety of surfaces. You could also argue that



four-wheel drive impacts on fuel efficiency – but Suzuki tells me that the ALLGRIP system enables CO₂ emissions to be remarkably low for a four-wheel drive SUV.

On the road

I happen to like the way the S-Cross feels on the road. The steering is a

little on the light side and it lacks in feel, but I am being very picky here as most people won't really notice this when using it day to day. Also, the Suzuki happily gets a move on when the need arises and on the motorway it was reasonably quiet at high speed.

The Suzuki ALL-GRIP system incorporates feed forward control that anticipates slippage based on road surface,

throttle position, steering angle and other factors. So rather than reacting after grip is lost – it controls the vehicle to prevent grip being lost which results in greater stability.

Design and tech

Some of the standard features fitted to the SZ-5 model I had on test included;

ALLGRIP 4 wheel drive system, ABS with EBD & Brake Assist, ESP, Hill Hold Control, 7 airbags (driver, front passenger, side, curtain & driver's knee) DAB digital radio with USB socket and steering wheel controls, Navigation system, 4 speakers & 2 tweeters, Bluetooth integrated audio unit, Engine Auto Stop Start system Front & rear parking distance sensors, Rear parking camera, Cruise control with speed limiter, Dual zone automatic air conditioning, LED daytime running lights and 17" Alloy wheels (polished).

To Sum Up

The S-Cross is a decent car that does exactly what you need it to do. Also, when you need it to move your family and their belongings around – it can easily become the load slugger you need it to be with very little effort. Plus, all Suzuki models are covered by a three-year/60,000-mile new vehicle warranty, one year AA Suzuki Assistance, providing 24-hour UK and European roadside assistance, recovery and associated services.

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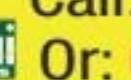

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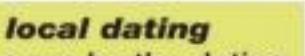
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'Stoke return to winning ways on the road after blip

3-2 victory follows weekend defeat

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE Town maintained their reputation as one of the most dangerous teams away from home with another win on Tuesday night.

Terry Brown's side have now gained maximum points from five of their last six matches on the road with a 3-2 victory at Evo-Stik Southern Premier strugglers Hayes & Yeading United.

That impressive run took a set back just three days earlier in a 2-1 defeat at St Neots Town, in a game where they did more than enough to claim at least a point.

But 'Stoke quickly put that disappointment behind them at the SkyEx Community Stadium to incredibly score twice in the space of a minute early on through Marcus Johnson-Schuster and Aaron Jarvis.

After such a positive start for the visitors though, Hayes then rallied back to make it 2-1, before Mitchell Weiss levelled the scores five minutes before the break.

But Basingstoke were not to be denied a deserved win, as Joe Gater found the Hayes net for a third time on the hour mark to secure a sixth away victory in the league this season.

'Stoke were much more wasteful in front of goal at the Premier Plus Stadium on Saturday however, with Nana Owusu setting the tone early on by hitting the post with a cross shot.

But after that close call, the visitors then took a deserved lead with six minutes on the clock, as Sam Deadfield stroked the ball into the corner after being laid on by Jarvis.

Despite dominating the opening exchanges, Basingstoke still

found themselves pegged back to 1-1 on the half hour mark through Shane Hill's well-placed free kick from the edge of the box.

And after Deadfield sliced over the bar when well placed, Town were made to pay on the stroke of half time, with keeper Alex Tokarczyk this time beaten by striker Bradley Fortnam Tomlinson.

More of the same was to come after the break, as Basingstoke bossed the play but were still unable to score a second, as defender Matt Partridge, returning from a suspension, saw a shot pushed wide of the post.

And despite seeing Owusu once again come inches away from finding the net late on, Basingstoke were, not for the first time this season, left to wonder what might have been.

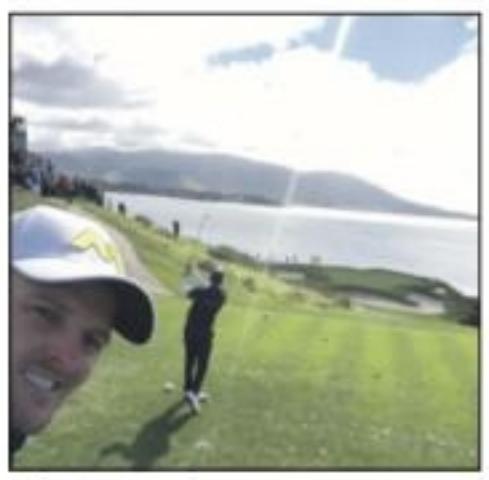
• Sam Deadfield (Picture by Daniel Murphy)



Team Justin so close to Hollywood moment

NORTH Hampshire's Justin Rose was upstaged by his celebrity golfing partner during last week's AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in California.

The Olympic gold medalist became the first player to ever claim a hole in one at the Games on his way to the top of



• Justins on the course

the podium in Rio last summer.

But after being paired up with actor and singer Justin Timberlake for the tournament, it was the other member of team Justin that came within a whisker of matching that feat on Saturday.

After shooting rounds of 73w (+1) and 70 (-2) on the opening two days at Monterey Peninsula and Spyglass Hill, Timberlake claimed the spotlight at the 17th in Pebble Beach when his tee shot clipped the cup before then agonisingly spinning out.

And in another twist reminiscent of something out of Hollywood, Rose decided to take a selfie while Timberlake took his shot, with the pair then going on to end the next two days with scores of 68 (-4) and 73 (+1) to finish tied for 39th place.

'Stoke stroll to win over whipping boys

BASINGSTOKE RFC bounced back from their first defeat in over two months to earn a hard-earned win over Millbrook.

Gareth Hatherley-Hurford's side made comfortable work of bottom of the table Millbrook to emerge with a 38-24 bonus point victory at Down Grange.

After losing their previous match at home to Old Tiffians, 'Stoke looked in no mood to mess about on Saturday – taking the lead in the second minute through Jonty Newton's try.

And it wasn't long before the hosts went into a 12-0 lead, as 'Stoke charged from their own 22 to the other end of the field within three phases to offload for Matt Guiffoyle to go over.

With the snow falling, Dave Lambert then claimed Basingstoke's third try of the match under the posts, before

then quickly adding another one straight away to secure the bonus point.

But after reaching the magic four try mark, the hosts then took their foot off the gas to concede a try just before half-time.

Warren Simmonds then went over the line with Basingstoke's first attack of the second half, before Lambert's hat-trick try cancelled out another effort from the visitors.

But Millbrook rallied after that to claim two late tries, to claim a much-needed bonus point.

That win saw Basingstoke



• Basingstoke claimed six tries during the win over Millbrook

establish themselves in fourth place in London 3 South West, ahead of this Saturday's trip to Bognor.

Sport Bites

'Stoke smashed

FOOTBALL: Basingstoke Town Ladies were handed a hammering in their first game in a month at the weekend.

Keynsham Town made light work of Rob Quilter's side to emerge with a comprehensive 6-2 victory, with Helen Ogle scoring for 'Stoke as they trailed 3-1 at half time.

And after conceding three more in the second half, Ogle then scored a late consolation to claim her second.

Basingstoke are next in action away to bottom club Shanklin on Sunday.

Wait goes on

MOTORSPORT: Hook driver Rob Collard is still sweating over his future after West Surrey Racing (WSR) confirmed their second driver for the new British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) season.

Andrew Jordan and now Colin Tarkington have been confirmed as drivers for WSR in 2017/18 - leaving just one more seat available at the team, with the new season fast approaching.

Six of the best

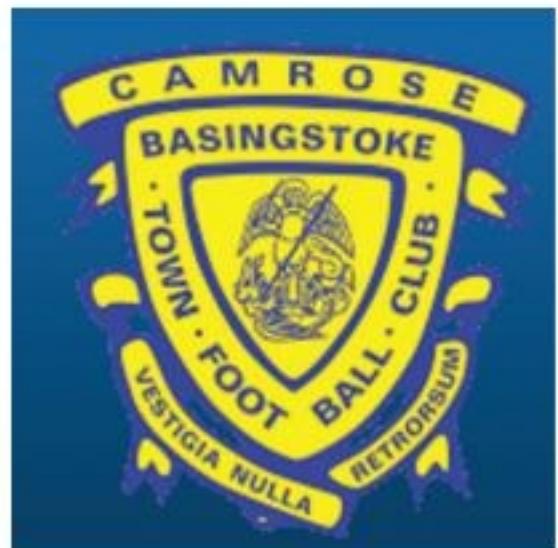
HOCKEY: Basingstoke Hockey Club men's 1sts put in one of their most accomplished performances of the season on Saturday to secure a 6-0 home win over Havant.

But the men's 2nds and ladies' 3rds didn't have things so easy as they lost their respective matches against Southampton University and Hamble 4-2 and 5-2, with the ladies' 4ths beating Havant 5-2 in the other game of the day.

50 up for Argent

FOOTBALL: Hartley Wintney captain Sam Argent reached 50 goals for the season at the weekend as his side beat Raynes Park Vale 6-1.

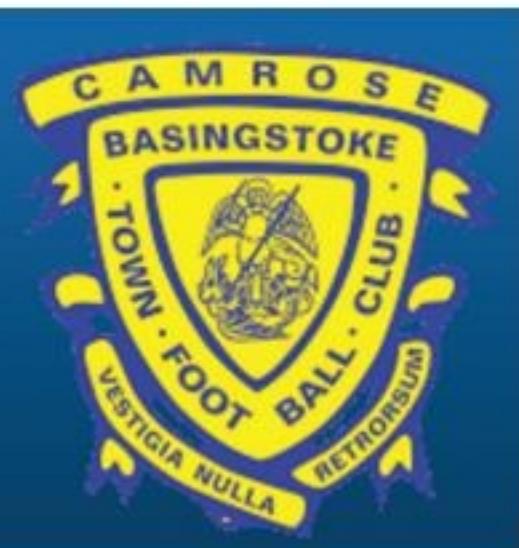
The win means the Row are now 23 points clear at the top of the Combined Counties Premier, with Argent's hat-trick and goals from Ross Cook, Deane Stow and Adam Liddle ensuring they claimed another three points.



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Seventh heaven and then late woe for Herd

By Christian Wilson

BASINGSTOKE Bison put in two Jekyll and Hyde performances against the same side over the weekend.

The Herd put in a superb showing reminiscent to one during last year's title charge on Saturday night as they hammered nearest rivals the Hull Pirates 7-1 at home.

But after being inspired to that clear win by Vanya Antonov's four goals at the Basingstoke Arena, the Stampede were far less dangerous 24 hours later in Yorkshire in a 3-2 loss.

Hull went into the double-header as the next team down from Bison in the English Premier League (EPL) standings, but found themselves a goal behind to a fine Antonov finish with 4:20 on the clock.

And despite leaving a man high up the ice after that to offer a swift counter-attack against Basingstoke, the Pirates were 2-0 down before the end of the period, as Tomas Karpov scored past netminder Vlastimil Lakosil.

A second shorthanded goal of the night through Derek Roehl's back-handed shot then made it 3-0 after the break, before Joshua Gent fired one back for Hull on 30:01.

But it was all Bison after that, as two more Antonov goals secured his

hat-trick before 40 minutes had even elapsed to stretch the lead to 5-1.

And powerplay goals from Rene Jarolin and Antonov in the final period then added even more gloss to a comprehensive win to hand the Herd all the momentum going into the reverse fixture.

Sunday's road game turned out to be a much more tense affair, as neither side was able to breach the other's defence until Lee Bonner snuck the puck past Tomas Hiadlovsy with 1:19 left of the opening period.

Ciaran Long then bagged a powerplay goal for Bison on 29:39 to bring the scores level, although less than two minutes then elapsed before Gent found the net for the second night in a row.

Basingstoke then claimed their second equaliser through skipper Aaron Connolly with 7:21 left to play, before the game took an unexpected twist five minutes from time as netminder Hiadlovsy was ejected for spearing.

And with back up goalie Dan Weller-Evans taking the Slovak's place between the pipes, the Herd suffered late heartbreak, as Andrej Themar fired the puck home with just 37 seconds of the game remaining.

Basingstoke were due to face Guildford Flames last night as the Observer went to press.



* Vanya Antonov found the net four times in Saturday's win over Hull Pirates (Picture by grantkingphotography.com)

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